

I am implacably opposed to any effort on the part of the "Baby Bell" monopolies to further extend their control to new areas of communication. As an academic leader, I have struggled with various of the regional Bells for 20 years in the effort to extend higher education to the place bound. Bluntly there would be no concern for customer satisfaction if these monopolies were not regulated by state agencies. Denying other internet service providers access to their networks will result in no competition, higher prices, worse services, and the destruction of many small business. I cannot see how the FCC would view any of these outcomes as being in the "public's best interest."

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